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**New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork
Therapy Examiners**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

_____	:	Administrative Action
IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
LICENSURE OF	:	CONSENT ORDER
	:	GRANTING LICENSURE
RITA EMMETTS	:	
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AS A MASSAGE AND BODYWORK	:	
THERAPIST	:	
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This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of the application of Rita Emmetts for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist. Upon a review of the application and the criminal history background check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had indicated "no" in response to the application

questions as to arrests, she had been arrested and charged with assault on November 4, 2003. The charges were dismissed.

Respondent maintained that she did not disclose the arrest on her application because she believed that the matter had been expunged from her record, as she had undergone a background check in 2007, and had not been made aware that the charges had been revealed.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that she had been arrested, and thus she engaged in misrepresentation on her application in connection with her arrest history in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that granting the applicant's request for licensure is appropriate under the circumstances, and that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 20th DAY OF February, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is hereby imposed for the applicant's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be forwarded simultaneously with this signed Order.
2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of the above penalty, and upon her demonstration

that she has satisfied other licensure requirements, if she has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Deborah Overholt
Deborah Overholt
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Rita Emmetts
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